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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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International application No. PCT/GB 99/ 04179	International filing date (day/month/year) 10/12/1999	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 18/03/1999
Applicant LUCENT TECHNOLOGIES INC et al.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 2 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,

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6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

☒ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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☐ None of the figures.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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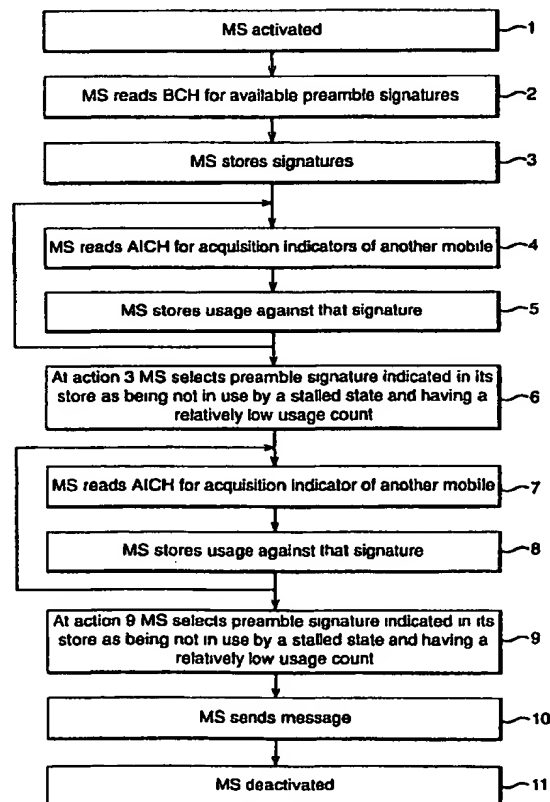
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(54) Title: IMPROVED MESSAGE ACCESS FOR RADIO TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

(57) Abstract

A mobile (12) for use in the UMTS is arranged, on activation (1) to read (2) the BCH for all available preamble signatures; to store (3) the signatures in its processor; to read (4) the AICH for acquisition indicators sent to other mobiles; to store (5) usage of other mobiles against each signature; and to select (6 or 9) when required a signature the recorded usage of which is unlikely to cause collisions.



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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)



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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

☒ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

 These annexes consist of a total of 5 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No. PCT/GB99/04179

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):

Description, pages:

3-5 as originally filed

1,1a,2 as received on 17/02/2001 with letter of 14/02/2001

Claims, No.:

1-4 as received on 17/02/2001 with letter of 14/02/2001

Drawings, sheets:

1/4-4/4 as originally filed

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

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4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

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- ☐ the description, pages:
☐ the claims, Nos.:
☐ the drawings, sheets:

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	1 - 4
	No:	Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	1 - 4
	No:	Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1 - 4
	No:	Claims	

2. Citations and explanations
see separate sheet

**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT - SEPARATE SHEET**

International application No. PCT/GB99/04179

Concerning section V.2 (reasoned statement under Article 35(2) PCT)

Claim 1 relates to a mobile telephone for the UMTS system, which is arranged to transmit during call setup an access request packet to the base station on the random access channel (RACH), said packet comprising a preamble including one of a plurality of available preamble signatures previously obtained by reading the base station's broadcast channel (BCH). Such an use of preamble signatures in access request packets is generally known in the UMTS system and e.g. to be found in the cited prior art reference **D1 = WO-A-98/18280 (Ericsson)**.

To improve the efficiency of signature selection by the mobile it is proposed, in accordance with the characterising features of present claim 1, to monitor the acquisition indication channel (AICH) for acquisition indicators sent to other mobiles and to store usage count by said other mobiles of each signature, so as to select when required a signature the recorded usage of which is unlikely to cause collisions, e.g. from a set of signatures which have a low usage count and are not used by any stalled state.

Such a mobile telephone arrangement as claimed, wherein the knowledge of the usage status for each available preamble signature allows a reduction in the number of unsuccessful preamble detections by the base station, is neither taught, nor rendered obvious, alone or in combination, by the prior art documents cited in the International Search Report.

The cited **WO-A-98/53631 (Tokyo Shibaura Electric)** merely relates to the monitoring of channel occupancies of a plurality of radio frequencies allocated to each of a plurality of base stations, without hint at the monitoring of the AICH channel and the usage of available preamble signatures as claimed.

Claim 1 is therefore novel and considered to involve the required inventive step, Articles 33(2) and (3) PCT. The subject-matter of claim 1 is also industrially applicable.

The same applies to independent claim 4, which is drafted in terms of method steps and correspond essentially to apparatus claim 1. Claim 4, therefore, equally meets all the requirements of Article 33 PCT.

Dependent claims 2 and 3 relate to further implementing details of the method defined by the claim 1 to which they refer and are thus equally novel, inventive and industrially applicable.

IMPROVED MESSAGE ACCESS FOR RADIO TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

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ART 34 ANDT

This invention relates to an improved message access arrangement for a radio telecommunications system such as Universal Mobile Telecommunications System (UMTS) and relates especially to the selection of preamble signatures.

During the set up of a call from a mobile telephone to the UMTS system, a mobile needs to select a preamble signature from the available signatures; subsequently, while waiting for an acquisition indication, the mobile may reselect a signature. It may occur that the mobile selects a signature associated with a stalled state, or that collisions occur, and call connection is delayed.

It is an object of the invention to improve the efficiency of signature selection by a mobile.

15 According to the invention a mobile telephone for the universal radio mobile telecommunication system comprises a processor, a transmitter/receiver, and an antenna, characterised in that the processor is arranged, when the mobile is in an active mode to monitor the acquisition indication channel of the UMTS; to store for the duration of the active mode the usage by other mobiles of each available preamble signature; and to select when required a signature the recorded usage of which is
20 unlikely to cause collisions.

In the accompanying drawings, the prior art is illustrated in figures 1 – 7 in which:-

Figure 1 is a schematic diagram of a part of a radio telecommunications
25 system;

Figure 2 illustrates a physical random access channel slots structure;

Figure 3 illustrates the structure of a random access transmission;

Figure 4 illustrates the structure of an access burst from a mobile;

Figure 5 illustrates the message part of the random access burst;

30 Figure 6 illustrates the layers involved in message acknowledgement and

Figure 7 illustrates how random access acquisition indication and forward access channels interact to acknowledge preamble and message signals from a mobile.

The invention will be described with reference to Figure 8, which is a flow chart in a mobile system for signature selection.

In Figure 1, a part 10 of the UMTS is illustrated, comprising a plurality of mobile systems (MS) 12, 14, 16 associated with a telecommunications cell controlled by a Base Transceiver Station (BTS) 18 having a Base Station Controller (BSC) 20.

When a mobile such as 12 wishes to make a call, it utilises the Random Access Channel (RACH) of the UMTS which is mapped to the Physical Random Access Channel (PRACH). Transmission in this transport channel is based on the well known slotted Aloha approach, that is, a mobile can start a transmission of the PRACH at any one of a number of well defined time offsets, denoted access slots AS and illustrated in Figure 2. The slots are spaced 1.25 milliseconds apart. Several of the slots in Figure 2 are shown as filled by random access transmissions 30, 32, 34, 36.

Figure 3 illustrates the structure of a Random Access Transmission such as transmission 30; there are several preamble parts 40a, 40b, 40i, each of length 1 millisecond, and an access burst 42 which contains the preamble part, plus a message part of length 10 milliseconds.

Figure 4 shows the structure of the access burst 42. Between a preamble 40j and the message part 44 there is an idle time period of length 0.25 milliseconds. This idle period allows for detection of the preamble part and subsequent online processing of the message part.

Figure 5 shows that the RACH message part 44 consists of a data part 46, corresponding to the uplink Dedicated Physical Data Channel (DPDCH) and a Layer 1 control part 48, corresponding to the uplink Dedicated Physical Control Channel (DPCCH). The data and control parts 46, 48 are transmitted in parallel.

The data part 46 carries Layer 2/Layer 3 messages requesting radio resources or a user packet. The spreading factor of the data part is limited to $SF_{\{256,128,64,32\}}$ corresponding to channel bit rates of 16, 32, 64 and 128 Kbps respectively. The control part 48 carries pilot bits 50 and rate information 52, using a spreading factor of 256. The rate information indicates a spreading factor of the channelisation code which is used on the data part.

For RACH transmission, the technique of preamble power ramping is used, and the procedure used by a random request has the following actions:-

CLAIMS

- 1 A mobile telephone for the universal radio mobile telecommunications system
comprising a processor, a transmitter/receiver, and an antenna, characterised in
5 that the processor is arranged, when the mobile is in an active mode (1) to
monitor (2) the acquisition indication channel of the system; to store (3) for the
duration of the active mode the usage by other mobile telephones of each
available preamble signature; and to select (6 or 9) when required a signature
the recorded usage of which is unlikely to cause collisions.
- 10
- 2 A mobile telephone according to Claim 1 in which the processor is arranged to
store a set of preamble signatures available to the mobile telephone; to indicate
signatures which are in use by a stalled state; and to indicate for the remaining
signatures whether the usage count of each signature is relatively low or
15 relatively high.
- 3 A mobile telephone according to Claim 2 which is arranged to select when
required a preamble signature which is indicated in its store as having a
relatively low usage count.
- 20
- 4 In a radio mobile telecommunications system comprising a plurality of mobile
telephones (12, 14, 16) and a base transceiver station (18) providing an
acquisition indication channel, a method of operation is characterised by :-
each active mobile monitoring (2) the acquisition indication channel for
25 usage by other mobile telephones as available preamble signatures, and storing
(3) said usage; and
each mobile selecting when required a signature the recorded usage of
which is unlikely to cause collisions.